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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Docket No.: PNC-004

MERRIL et al.

Group Art Unit: 1616

Application No.: 09/835,537

Examiner: A. Pryor

Filed: April 16, 2001

Title: METHODS OF TREATING PRION DISEASE IN MAMMALS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

May 11, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2006, please reconsider the above-captioned application for allowance in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.